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TOPIC Staaken Airfield

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1. No aircraft were [redacted] Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield on 19 January 1951. The large hangar in which twin-engine aircraft were usually parked was open, but no planes [redacted]. Soldiers [redacted] two radio installations, each with four masts, west of the field. A light, fitted on one mast of the new radio installation, with four masts, was switched on although it was not dark. The arrangement of the row of lights and the individual radio mast with wooden frame was unchanged. Flights were continually made over the field despite heavy rain and strong winds. The cloud base was approximately 400 meters. The contours of twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with single rudder assemblies were occasionally discerned in the clouds.

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2. There was no flying at the field on 7 and 8 January. One single-engine, high-wing monoplane and one biplane made local flights [redacted] on 9 January. A twin-engine, low-wing monoplane too, off from the field [redacted] for local flights in the vicinity of the field. No flights were seen when a heavy rain set in. [redacted] the searchlight was in operation although there was no flying. There was no flying activity on 10 January despite good visibility.

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3. On the afternoon of 12 January, a single-engine, high-wing monoplane and a biplane made individual flights in very good weather. The searchlight was in operation [redacted] although there was no flying. It rotated approximately nine times and then stopped for about 5 minutes.

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4. Flights were made with one single-engine, high-wing monoplane and one biplane on 13 January in hazy weather. No flights were made on 14 and 15 January [redacted].

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